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SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, this amendment strips the bill down to the organ donor registry and advisory board, which we discussed awhile back. There was no controversy at that time and that had the support of the committee and the Department of Motor Vehicles. A lot of people have worked...it's been a couple years of work to put this bill together, and people have come together to make this happen. And with that, I'd like to yield some time to Senator Baker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Baker, you have 9 minutes and 20 seconds.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. It's not going to take me 9 minutes and 20 seconds here. People are asking what are we doing here. Department of Motor Vehicles came to us and said, with the concerns that were raised with this bill and the fact that there is going to be convened some sort of a motor vehicles directors meeting on a national level, this is a concern of national interest, of course, drivers' licenses and ID forms and so on. So they're going to...I don't know what it's going to be called, a compact or something or other, a universal driver's license group anyway, is going to get together composed of department of motor vehicles directors across the country and it's been suggested something like a CDL, some national standards put into place because it's becoming more and more of an issue. And with the security questions and so on that drivers' licenses raise, this bill became unnecessary as far as Department of Motor Vehicles was concerned, and Senator Thompson simply came to me and asked, rather than just pass over the bill, since she had amended her bill into it on General File, would I give her my blessing to use it for her Nebraska Donor Registry Act, and I agreed. I think it's a good idea. I support her amendment. It's...the underlying bill is no longer an issue, so I certainly condone what she's doing, support it, and urge your adoption of AM3417 to LB 559. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Your light was on, but are you concluded? You are. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Thompson, you'd be recognized to close, if you wish.